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The 1995 ZooGoer calendar captures a colorful sampling of the world's 9,600 bird species. Throughout our history, humans have been captivated by bird flight, color, and song. That should come as no surprise because birds are among the most visible and interesting animals we see on a daily basis. They live and breed on all continents and in all habitats, from Antarctic ice floes to equatorial rainforest, high deserts to tidal marshes. The range in birds' sizes, color, and habits boggles the mind. For example, the smallest species, the 2-1/4-inch Cuban bee hummingbird, would look like a bee if it hovered near the world's largest, the 250-pound, eight-foot-tall ostrich of the African plains.



(B. Randall/VIREO)

All birds share one obvious characteristic. Not all species can fly, and not all sing-but all have feathers of some sort, from the elegant long plumes that grace Asia's peacocks to the hair-like quills coating kiwis.

The greatest diversity of bird species occurs in tropical countries, such as Colombia and Indonesia, but you may be surprised at just how many birds you can find in the wilds around your home. More than 350 species can be seen within a few hours' drive of Washington, D.C., for instance, and on a typical winter day, a backyard birdfeeder can attract 15 to 25 species. This year's calendar includes local as well as exotic, large as well as small, and strange as well as familiar birds.

Over the millennia, each bird species has evolved specific breeding and feeding requirements. Within their habi-



(Brenda Clymire/NZP)

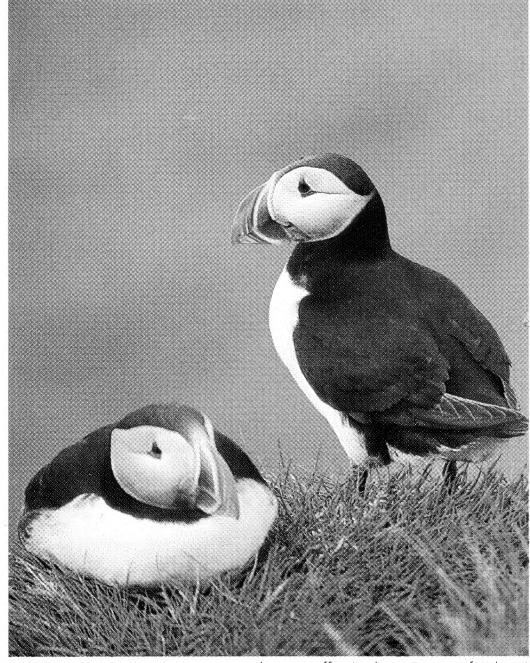
tats, birds serve as important environmental indicators, and their disappearance from an area is a warning sign to us that natural balances may be tipping. Today, about 70 percent of bird species are estimated to be in decline, due mainly to such human activities as habitat destruction, overhunting, introduction of exotic animals, and pollution.

FONZ's 1995 National ZooFari will also focus on birds, and will be a chance to celebrate their beauty while creating a broader awareness of how we can better understand and save these incredibly diverse creatures.



(Jack Jeffrey)





Atlantic Puffin (Robert E. Mumford, Jr.)

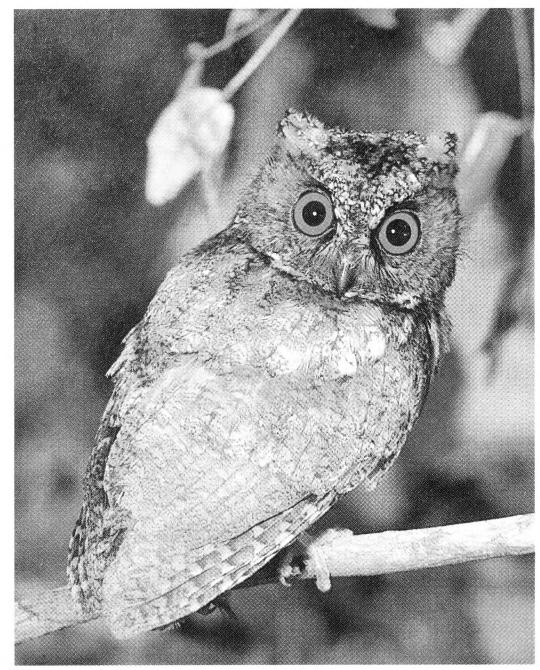


Ross' Gull (Robert E. Mumford, Jr.)

Thick-billed Murre (Robert E. Mumford, Jr.)

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Moon	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day Prirst Quarter	9	10	11	12	13	FONZ winter classes for children begin 14
				1986–Jerdon's courser rediscovered in southeast India (last seen 1900)		
15	OFull Moon 16	17		19	20	21
	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (observed)					
22	● Last Quarter 23	24	25	26	27	28
29	New Moon 30	31			DECEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28



Luzon Scops-Owl (W. Peckover/VIREO)



Long-eared Owl (W. Greene/VIREO)

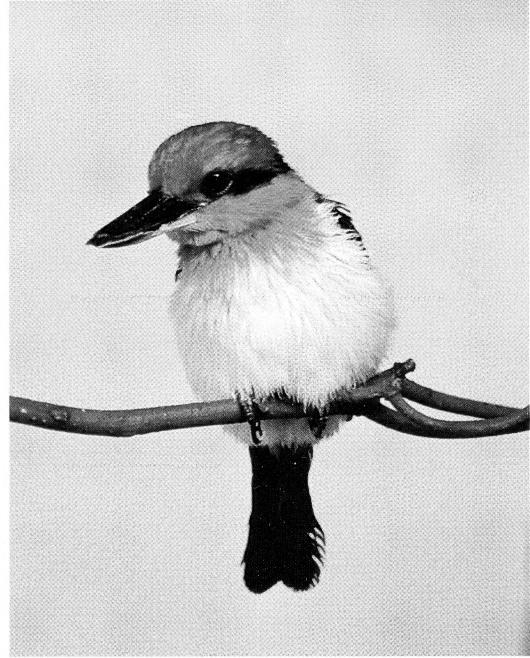


Barred Owl (W. Greene/VIREO)

F E B R U A R Y

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5	6	Prirst Quarter 7	8		10	11
lincoln's Birthday	13	14	OFull Moon 15	16	17	18
Lincoln's Birthday Charles Darwin born 1809 19	20	Valentine's Day 21		23	24	25
	President's Day		Washington's Birthday			
26	27	28				





Micronesian Kingfisher (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

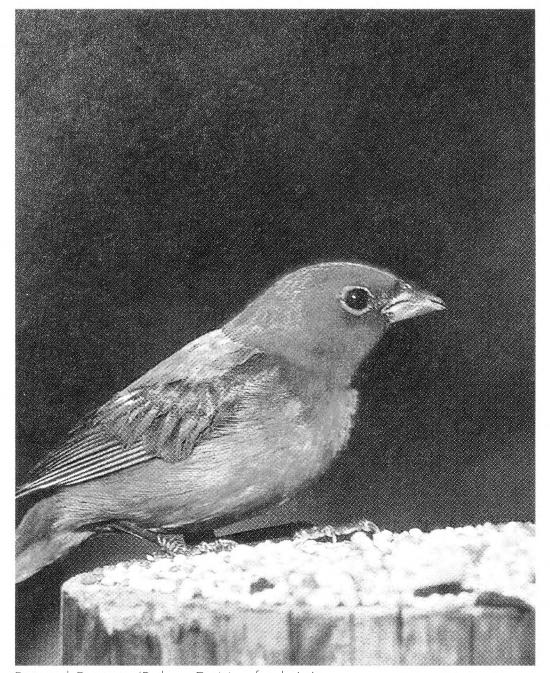


Laughing Kookaburra (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

Dwarf Forest Kingfisher (W. Peckover/VIREO)



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FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22		● New Moon	2	3	4
26 27 28	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		Ash Wednesday Women's History Month begins	National Zoological Park established 1889	Spring hawk and waterfowl migration underway (through April)	FONZ Seal Days
5	6	7	8	● First Quarter	10]]
FONZ Seal Days						FONZ spring classes for children begin
12	13	14	15	OFull Moon 16	17	18
			Purim begins at sundown		St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	■ Last Quarter	24	25
Swallows return to San Juan Capistrano	Vernal equinox					
26	27	28	29	New Moon 30	31	



Painted Bunting (Robert E. Mumford, Jr.)



Lesser Green Broadbill (Brenda Clymire/NZP)



Gouldian Finch (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	April Fool's Day First Quarter 8
Daylight Savings Time begins 2a.m. ("spring forward" 1 hour) 9	10]]	12	13	14	OFull Moon 15
16	17	18	19	20	Passover (sundown) O Last Quarter	22
Easter 1986–Ivory-billed woodpecker rediscovered in Cuba	Easter Monday African American Family Celebration at the Zoo				Watch for Neotropical migrants, including orioles, warblers, tanagers (through May)	Earth Day FONZ Earth Day Celebration
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	New Moon 29
23-FONZ Earth Day Celebration			John James Audubon born 1785			





Yellow Warbler



Indigo Bunting (Kenneth V. Rosenberg)

Scarlet Tanager (B. Schorre/VIREO)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3		5	6
	Asian-Pacific Heritage Month begins					
● First Quarter		:	10	11	12	13
					Peak spring shorebird migration (through June 1)	
1/	15	16	17	10	(through June 1)	20
OFull Moon 14	15	16	/	18	19	20
Mother's Day				ZooFari		
① Last Quarter 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
D						Rachel Carson born 1907
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20	New Moon 29	30	31		APRIL S M T W T F S	JUNE S M T W T F S
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	Memorial Day		First golden lion tamarin reintroduced 1984		30	
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4	5	● First Quarter 6	7		9	10
					Zoo Night	
7 7	OFull Moon 12	13	14	1.5	16	17
					1987—Last known dusky seaside sparrow died	
18	O Last Quarter	20	Flag Day 21	22	seaside sparrow died 23	24
	① Last Quarter	20		2.2	20	Z-4
Father's Day			Summer solstice		Zoo Night	
25	26	New Moon 27	28	: :	30	
	Summer Safari begins			Sunset Serenades		



Violet bellied Hummingbird (J. Dunning/VIREO)



Magnificent Hummingbird (B.Randall/VIREO)

White-tipped Sicklebill (Doug Wechsler/VIREO)

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			JULY			
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2	3	4	● First Quarter 5	6	7	8
		Independence Day		Sunset Serenades		
9	10	11	OFull Moon 12	13	14	15
				Sunset Serenades		
16	17	18	◆ Last Quarter	20	21	22
				Sunset Serenades		
23/30	24/31	25	20	New Moon 27	Peak fall shorebird migration	
				Sunset Serenades	Peak fall shorebird migration starts (through September)	



Great Blue Heren





Great Egret Greater Flamingo (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	Swallows leave San Juan Capistrano	8	9	OFull Moon 10	11	12
13	14	15	16	■ Last Quarter	18	19
					Look to the skies at dusk for migrating nighthawks (through early September)	Neotropical migrants pass through on their way south (through early October)
20	21	22	23	24	• New Moon 25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
	Roger Tory Peterson born 1908					





Magnificent Frigatebird



Macaroni Penguin

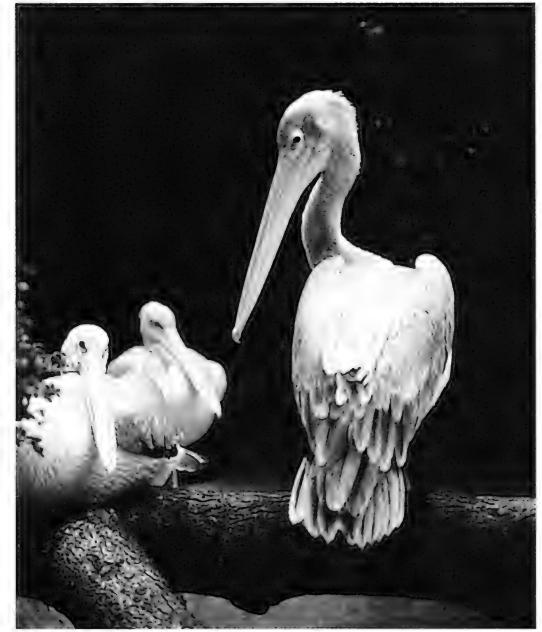
Blue-footed Booby

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				1914–Last passenger pigeon died at Cincinnati Zoo	●First Quarter 2
3	4	5	6	7	OFull Moon 8	9
10	Labor Day	12	13	14	Hispanic Heritage Month begins (to October 15) Fall hawk migration underway (through early November)	■ Last Quarter 16
17	18	19	20	21	Fall hawk migration underway (through early November)	
New Moon 24	25	26	27	28	29	Autumnal equinox 30
Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown			Rachel Carson's <i>Silent Spring</i> published 1962			Zoo Arts Festival



Rednecked Grebe



Pink-backed Pelican Dessie Cohen/NZP)



Black-crowned Might-Heron

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
● First Quarter	2	3	4	5	6	7
Zoo Arts Festival	9	Yom Kippur begins at sundown OFull Moon	11	12	Peak fall waterfowl migration (through early December)	14
	Columbus Day (observed)				FONZ annual meeting and Zoo-by-night tour	
15	Last Quarter 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	New Moon 23	24	25	26	27	28
						FONZ Halloween Party for children Menagerie Masquerade
29	● First Quarter 30	31			SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
Daylight Savings Time ends 2 a.m. ("fall back" 1 hour)		Halloween			25 26 27 28 29 30	27 28 29 30





Spot-billed Duck (Jessie Cohen/NZP)



Snow Goosa (Robert E. Mumford, Jr.)

Common Merganser (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

NOUEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	OFuil Moon 7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	● Last Quarter 15	16	17	Veteran's Day
19	20	21	New Moon 22		On the Origin of the Species published 1859	25
26	27	28	● First Quarter 29	Thanksgiving 30	published 1859	



Lilac-breasted Roller



Marabou Stork (Jessie Cohen/NZP)



Schalow's Turaco (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

D E C E M B E R

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3	4	5	OFull Moon 6	7	8	9
10]]	12	13	● Last Quarter 14	15	16
First night of Hanukkah	18	19	20	—————————————————————————————————————	22	23
First night of Hanukkah begins at sundown 24/31	25	26	27	● First Quarter 28	Winter solstice 29	30
31-New Year's Eve	Christmas Day					





Double-toothed Kite (Kenneth V. Rosenberg



King Vulture (Jessie Cohen/NZP)

Red-tailed Hawk

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7	2	3		OFull Moon 5	
	New Year's Day					
7	8	9	10	11	12	● Last Quarter 13
14	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (observed)		17	18	19	New Moon 20
21	22	23	24	25	26	●First Quarter 27
28	29	30	31		18 19 20 21 22 23 24	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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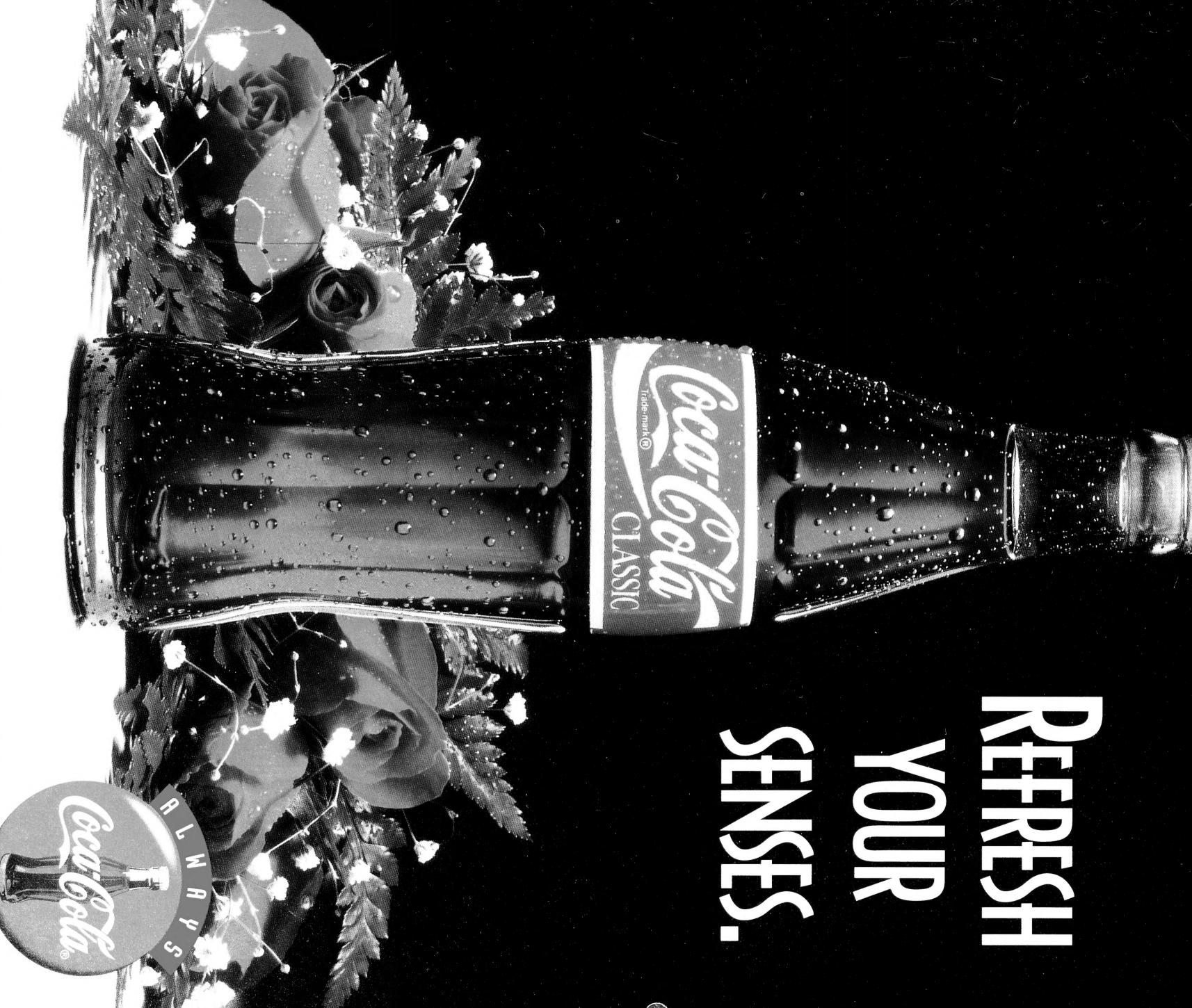
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